

TRY RICHARDS FOR RIVAL'S MURDER

Fourth Trial of a Noted Case to Begin at Floyd To-Day With Brilliant Legal Array.

WAS REJECTED FOR FRANCIS

Young Roanoke Man Shot While En Route to See Girl Who Had Discarded Richards.



JOHN W. RICHARDS.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FLOYD, VA., April 16.—The fourth trial of John W. Richards, charged with the murder of Maurice K. Francis, of Roanoke, will commence here to-morrow. A large number of witnesses have been summoned on both sides, and the prosecution will be represented by Messrs. H. W. Simmons, attorney for the Commonwealth, assisted by J. C. Wyser, of Pulaski, and J. Harris Hoge, of Roanoke, and the defense conducted by Messrs. Howard & Howard, Counselors at Law, of this place, assisted by R. C. Scott, of Richmond, and B. M. Custer, of Danville.

In July, 1905, Maurice Francis left Roanoke for Floyd to visit Miss Grace Link, of Simpson, to whom he was engaged to be married, and a few miles from the home of his intended was shot from ambush, dying from the effects of the shot that night. The first suspicion which pointed to Richards, who was a former sweetheart of the young lady, and had been discarded by her for his arrest, was expressed by Francis just before he died, "That jealousy was a terrible thing, Richards." It developed afterwards that a person answering the description of Richards had been seen going to the direction of the place of the killing, especially on the day that Francis was expected to make his visit to Miss Link, and a shot bottle was found which was supposed to be Richards's, all pointing him out as the guilty party. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, Richards finally surrendered to detectives, who, with a posse, were in search for him.

The first two trials resulted in hung juries, and on the third trial Richards was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. A writ of error was granted by the Supreme Court, and the case remanded for a new trial, on the ground of the propriety of summoning a jury from another county and other errors.

The Richards case is a sad one. His father, mother and brother, who stood nobly by him during the two first trials, died, which weakened his defense on the third one, but his friends and relatives stood by him, furnishing the funds to apply for the writ of error. Public opinion is that he is the guilty party, but there are some who think differently, as the evidence is all circumstantial, the prosecution having failed to place him at the spot on the day the killing was done.

Both families are very prominent, and the former trials created a great interest in this and adjoining counties.

DEPOSITIONS IN BANC CASE.

Action Against Directors of the Defunct Savings Bank of Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 16.—Depositions for the defense in the case of the directors of the Defunct Savings Bank of Newport News against the officers and directors of that defunct institution were taken to-day. All of the depositions of the plaintiffs have been taken, and it is expected that the case will be heard in open court during the May term of the Corporation Court. Judge Bryan, of the presiding bench, presided over the proceedings, and the case was heard by Judge Barham.

The plaintiffs are suing to recover about \$40,000, which was on deposit in the bank at the time its president, J. B. Barker, committed suicide, and the institution closed its doors. It is alleged that the negligence of the officers and directors caused the failure.

INDORSE RHEAS'S APPOINTMENT.

Bristol Democrats Commend This Among Other Acts of the Governor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—The Democrats of Bristol, in a mass meeting to-night, appointed delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Roanoke June 11th. Resolutions were passed endorsing Bryan for the presidency, commending the administration of Governor Swanson and endorsing his appointment of Judge William F. Thies to a place on the State Corporation Commission.

NEW JERUSALEM BEING BUILT ON A MAGNIFICENT SCALE.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—I. E. Soard, of Morristown, was here this week on route home from a visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Mr. Soard talks entertainingly of his trip. Instead of following the usual route of tourists,

BABY'S VOICE

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear. Every woman should know that the danger, pain and horror of child-birth can be entirely avoided by the use of Mother's Friend, a scientific liniment for external use only, which toughens and renders pliable all the parts, and assists nature in its sublime work. By its aid thousands of women have passed this great crisis in perfect safety and without pain. Sold at \$1.00 per bottle by druggists. Our book of priceless value to all women sent free. Address: BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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he mingled with the poorer classes, visiting in their homes and frequently sleeping in their hovels. He thinks the knowledge thus gained is far different from the impressions of the average tourists. He states that Jewish capital is now engaged in erecting a new Jerusalem, and one that will be imposing. Jewish capital from all over the world, he states, is interested in this enterprise. Mr. Soard expects to write a story of his travels.

FOR LARGER WAREHOUSES.

Property Being Acquired by Norfolk and Southern (The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 16.—The whole sale acquiring of property on the waterfront adjoining their present terminals by the Norfolk and Southern Railway is for the purpose of enlarging their warehouses and preparing for the rapidly increasing business incident to the further development of the roadway.

The purchase of large water front properties in the same neighborhood is understood to be held for the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company, which now holds the leases on the Norfolk county ferry. It is understood that the corporation is in the lease three or four years hence that they will be in a position to erect and operate their own ferry plant to connect with the ferry from Norfolk Point and other nearby settlements.

MAJOR SMITH NOT OPPOSED.

Complimenting His Tenth Year and Will Be Elected Again.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., April 16.—It is generally believed now that Mayor G. W. Smith will not be opposed for reelection in the Democratic municipal primary, to be held early in May. Mayor Smith is completing his tenth year as the chief executive of the city, and if he is unopposed in this primary it will be the first time he has not had opposition.

Already quite a number of candidates have been announced for both the city and county offices, and before the time limit expires, on April 20th, it is believed there will be more candidates for the two bodies than has been the case in a number of years.

ELECT TWO NEW BUILDINGS.

Important Additions to Be Made to the Christian College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., April 16.—The board of trustees of the Virginia Christian College will meet at the college next Tuesday for the purpose of taking steps to erect a new dormitory for boys during the coming vacation. The two buildings are to cost \$50,000, the fund being provided for by the offer of Andrew Carnegie of \$20,000 for \$30,000 raised by the college.

The plans for both buildings are to be drawn by local architects, and the enlarged facilities will enable the school to care for more than 300 students next session.

COMMISSIONERS ARE NAMED FOR THE SALE OF THE VICTORIA.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., April 16.—In the Corporation Court to-day Judge Alan R. Hanchell named Tazewell Taylor and Walter L. Taylor as commissioners for the sale of the Victoria Hotel property on Main Street. This is one of the substantial hotels erected by the express company, and it has never made money, and is in the hands of receivers. The mechanic liens and first mortgage bond issue totals \$100,000, and it is not believed that the stockholders will realize a cent after the expenses of the court liquidation are paid. The hotel is now being operated by the receivers for the benefit of creditors, but is not a paying proposition.

REV. MR. SHENK ACCEPTS CALL TO WINSTON-SALEM.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 16.—Rev. E. A. Shenk, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, has tendered his resignation to accept a call from the Lutheran Church at Winston-Salem, N. C. Rev. Mr. Shenk tendered his resignation some time ago, but at the request of his congregation withdrew it. Later the call from the Winston-Salem Church came, and he decided to accept it.

Mr. Shenk has been here for about five years, and has a wide circle of friends, both in and out of his congregation.

OBSERVE BIRTHDAY BY GIVING BIBLE AND FLAG TO SCHOOL.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., April 16.—The Red Cross Council, No. 124, J. O. U. A. M. of Lynchburg, will celebrate its tenth anniversary to-morrow by presenting the high school at Rixburg with a large flag and a Bible. The members of the council will leave the city on an early train, and the addresses will be made by State Senator Don E. Halsey and Commonwealth's Attorney H. D. Yancy. It is expected that a large crowd will go from Lynchburg.

Notes From Chatham.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., April 16.—Jim Canaday, colored, was before Mayor Hargrave Tuesday, charged with selling whiskey without license, for which he was fined \$50 and required to give a bond of \$500 for good behavior for twelve months, in default of which he was remanded to jail. Joe Thomas, colored, charged with the same offense, was dismissed, evidence not being sufficient to convict. A Baptist parsonage is undergoing considerable improvements preparatory to the coming of Rev. T. Ryland Sanford of Hampton, who will take charge of the Chatham church late in April.

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Judge Hutton, in Interesting Case, Decides in Favor of Those Who Adopted the Girl.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., April 16.—Judge E. B. Hutton, of the Circuit Court at Abingdon, has just decided an interesting case involving the kidnapping of a baby girl by its mother and the effort of the child's adopted parents to regain possession.

Lottie George, sixteen years old, gave birth to a child which she named Ethel. The mother being in destitute circumstances, gave the child to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McCallister, when it was only ten days old. The McCallisters, who are well-to-do, promised to raise and educate the child. Two months after disposing of the child the mother married Moses Olinger, a laborer. When the child was seventeen months old the mother conceived the idea of recovering it from its adopted parents, and in this she had the assistance of her husband. The two went to the McCallister home, and in the absence of Mr. McCallister, took the child away from Mrs. McCallister by force. The McCallisters then petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus, and on this petition the case was heard at Saltville. The court awarded the custody of the child to Mr. and Mrs. McCallister, and directed the sheriff to take possession of it and return it to the McCallisters.

In arriving at his decision, Judge Hutton took into consideration the fact that the mother was not the father of the child, and the further fact that his circumstances were not such as to guarantee the best for the welfare of the child. In his opinion Judge Hutton said: "The welfare of the child is to be my guide, and I am clear in my judgment that the interest and welfare of the child will not be promoted by giving its custody to the mother."

WEST HANOVER PRESBYTERY.

Spring Meeting of This Body Being Held at Arvon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ARVONIA, VA., April 16.—West Hanover Presbytery met in the Arvon Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, April 14th, with a large attendance of delegates, both ministers and elders. The venerable Rev. H. P. McCoy, the retiring moderator, of Gum Spring, Louisa county, preached the opening sermon from Ephesians, II, 8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

Immediately after the sermon the presbytery was called to order by the retiring moderator, and the Rev. Charles M. Barrell, of Buckingham Courthouse, was elected moderator, and Elders J. R. Horsley, of West Appomattox, and Thomas Clark, of Farmville, were elected reading and writing clerks, respectively.

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and proceeded immediately to its regular routine, which included a full docket.

All the standing committees were appointed, and very important matters were disposed of.

At 11 o'clock the Rev. W. J. King, pastor of the College Church, Hampden-Sidney, preached a forceful and convincing sermon from Romans, VIII, 28: "All things work together for good to those who love God."

Dinner was served by the ladies of Arvon Church in the large new Odd-Fellows Hall, where tables were set and seats arranged for all.

The afternoon session was a busy one, many matters of considerable importance being decided and acted upon.

Mr. Marvin Bolling, of the New Store Church, was received as a candidate for the ministry, examined as to his motives for seeking the ministry, and given permission to enter Hampden-Sidney College as a candidate for admission.

Later the candidate will attend Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. The minutes of the General Assembly, which met last spring in Birmingham, were discussed at length.

At 7:30 in the evening Dr. Walter W. Moore delivered a masterly address on "The Educational Value of the Presbyterian System." There was a large congregation present, and the subject was presented by the distinguished speaker in a most scholarly and captivating manner.

After the address the Rev. H. P. McCoy addressed the presbytery upon the action of the last General Assembly in the matter of closer relations with the other Presbyterian bodies in America. Mr. McCoy entered a protest against the action which was taken at Elmington, Mr. McCoy's protest was not concurred in by the presbytery, though he had some staunch supporters.

On Thursday morning the commissioners to the General Assembly, which meets next May in Greensboro, N. C., were elected.

Dr. Walter W. Moore was elected ministerial commissioner, and the Rev. Plummer F. Jones, of Arvon, Va., was elected alternate. Mr. T. C. Johnson, elder in the Farmville Church, was elected lay commissioner, with Elder R. M. Newman, of Orange, as alternate.

At 11 o'clock Thursday, Dr. S. K. Winn, of Appomattox, preached an excellent sermon upon "The Conscience," using the text, 2 Samuel, XXIV, 10: "And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people."

The next meeting of the presbytery will be held at Brown's Church, Cumberland county, on Tuesday, August 18, 1908.

The presbytery will continue in session throughout Friday.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CHOSEN BY THE G. A. R.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HAMPTON, VA., April 16.—Following are the newly-elected officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Virginia and North Carolina, which held its thirty-seventh annual session at the National Soldiers' Home Theatre yesterday.

Commander, Captain Thomas Fogarty, Post 64, National Soldiers' Home; Senior Vice-Commander, Samuel Simpson, Post 64, National Soldiers' Home; Medical Director, Dr. J. W. Wilson, Norfolk; Chaplain, John Gibbs, Post 9, Norfolk; Council of Administration—W. S. Wilson, Norfolk; John Dennis, J. H. Baird, Portsmouth; George V. Baird, Norfolk; and Charles Hager, National Soldiers' Home.

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